

DECLARATION

As a below-named inventor, I(we) hereby declare that:

TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is of the following type:

- ☐ original
- ☐ design
- ☐ supplemental
- ☐ national stage of PCT
- ☐ divisional
- ☐ continuation
- ☒ continuation-in-part (CIP)

INVENTORSHIP DECLARATION

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

IMPROVED LONGITUDINALLY FLEXIBLE EXPANDABLE STENT

the specification of which:

- a) ☒ is being filed concurrently herewith
- b) ☐ was filed on _____ and assigned Serial No. _____
- c) ☐ was filed as PCT International Application No. _____ filed on _____ and amended under PCT Article 19 on _____.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56 including information occurring between the filing date of any prior application of which the present application is a continuation-in-part.

- ☐ In compliance with this duty there is attached an Information Disclosure Statement.
37 CFR 1.97.

PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d), of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international applications(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international applications(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me having the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

- a) ☒ no such applications have been filed.
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COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 37 USC 119
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35 United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application identified below.

- a) ☒ no such applications have been filed.
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U.S. APPLICATIONS	
APPLICATION NUMBER	U.S. FILING DATE
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States applications(s) or PCT international applications(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior applications(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior applications(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

- a) ☐ no such applications have been filed.
b) ☒ such applications have been filed as follows:

U.S. APPLICATIONS	
APPLICATION NUMBER	U.S. FILING DATE
1. 08/511,076	AUGUST 3, 1995
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PCT APPLICATIONS DESIGNATING THE U.S.	
PCT APPLICATION NO.	PCT FILING DATE
3.	

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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UTILITY/DESIGN PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s):	Brian J. Brown et al
Title:	IMPROVED LONGITUDINALLY FLEXIBLE EXPANDABLE STENT
Filed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> concurrently herewith <input type="checkbox"/> on _____ and assigned Serial No. _____

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Docket No: S63.2-6769

POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM ASSIGNEE

As assignee of record of the entire interest of the above identified patent application,
SCIMED LIFE SYSTEMS, INC. hereby appoints the following attorneys to prosecute this application and to
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Dated this 19th day of November, 1998.

(Company Name)

SCIMED LIFE SYSTEMS INC.

(Signature)

By: 

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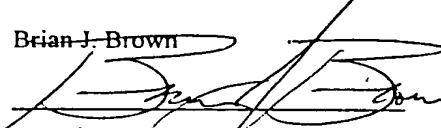
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Date: Nov 18, 98

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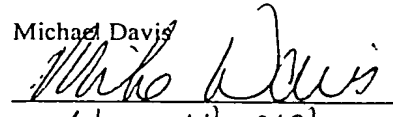
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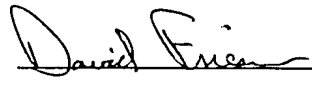
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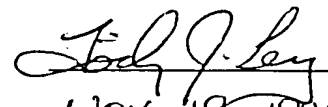
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Inventor's signature: _____

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In Re Application of:	Brown et al.
Application No.:	Not yet assigned
Filed:	Concurrently herewith
For:	Improved Longitudinally Flexible Expandable Stent
Group Art Unit:	Not yet assigned

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Declaration of Attorney

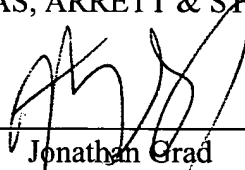
Jonathan Grad states as follows:

- 1) I am an attorney of record in the above identified case in which a Petition to Make Special is being filed concurrently herewith.
- 2) Applicant is aware of a competitor's commercially available stent, the MULTI-LINK VISION stent, available from Guidant Corporation. If the pending claims of the instant application were issued, the MULTI-LINK VISION would infringe at least some of the claims. This product is currently being sold in the United States.
- 3) I have conducted a rigid comparison of the MULTI-LINK VISIONTM stent with the pending claims of this application and it is my opinion that at least some of the claims, if issued, would be infringed by the stent.
- 4) I have good knowledge of the pertinent prior art. The references which I believe are most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims are listed in an Information Disclosure Statement included herewith.

5) I further declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,
VIDAS, ARRETT & STEINKRAUS, P.A.

Date: December 5, 2003

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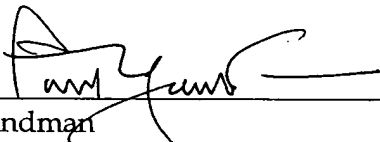
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4/11/03
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On this 11th day of April, 2003 before me personally appeared Paul W. Sandman to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes set forth herein.


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My commission expires Sept 18, 2009

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Brian J. Brown; Michael Davis; David Friesen;
Timothy J. Ley; Sean P. SkubitzAdditional name(s) of conveying party(ies)
attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: SCIMED LIFE SYSTEMS, INC.

Internal Address:

Street Address: One SciMed Place

City: Maple Grove State: MN Zip: 55311-1566

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

3. Nature of Conveyance:

☒ Assignment ☐ Merger
☐ Security Agreement ☐ Change of Name
☐ Other _____Execution Date: 11/18/98, 11/18/98, 11/18/98,
11/19/98 and 11/18/98 respectively

4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):

If this document is being filed with a new application, the execution date of the application is: 11/18/98 and 11/19/98

A. Patent Application No.(s)

B. Patent No.(s)

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7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41): \$40.00

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I(we), Brian J. Brown; Michael Davis; David Friesen; Timothy J. Ley; Sean P. Skubitz
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Sierra Parkway, Brooklyn Park, MN 55444; 668 Highway 96 West, Shoreview, MN 55126-1905; 1024 Island
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have invented and own the entire United States right, title and interest in an invention for:

IMPROVED LONGITUDINALLY FLEXIBLE EXPANDABLE STENT

disclosed in my application for United States Letter Patent filed:

- ☒ concurrently herewith
☐ on _____ and assigned Serial No. _____; and

I hereby authorize and request any attorney of Vidas, Arrett & Steinkraus, P.A., Suite 2000,
6109 Blue Circle Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55343-9131, to insert the filing date and application number of said
application above when known.

WHEREAS, SCIMED LIFE SYSTEMS, INC. ("Assignee"), a corporation organized and
existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of MINNESOTA, and having its principal place of
business at One SciMed Place, Maple Grove, MN 55311-1566, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title,
and interest in and to said invention, to said application for any and all countries, to any and all Letters Patent,
and to any and all Design Letters Patent of any and all countries which may be granted thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of all
of which is hereby acknowledged, I(we) hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto Assignee, its successors, and
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Dated: Nov 18, 98

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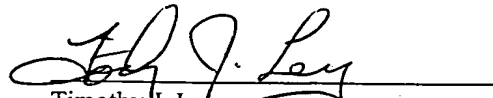
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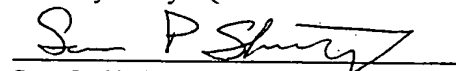
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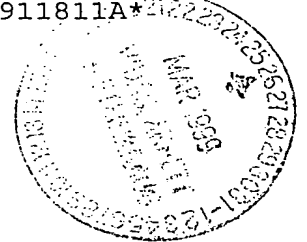
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ASSIGNEE'S STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP 37 CFR 3.73(B)

SciMed Life Systems, Inc., a corporation is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of a chain of title from the inventors, of the patent application identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

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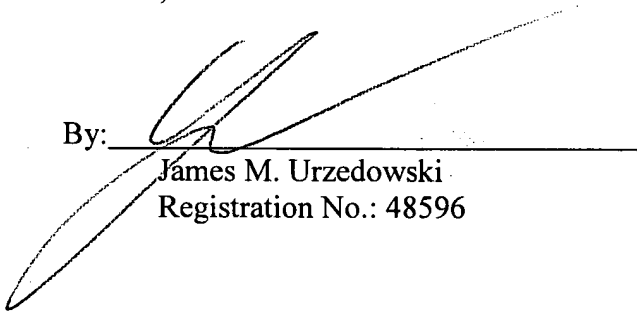
The undersigned is empowered to sign this statement of ownership
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Respectfully submitted,

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